



Alaska State Library Continuing Education Newsletter

Grow professionally, make friends and influence others

Next week Alaskan librarians will gather in Fairbanks for four days of learning, sharing and networking. If you are seeking collaborative and supportive professional development learning opportunities you need look no further than the annual [Alaska Library Association Conference](#).

Regardless of whether you decide to participate as a conference organizer, participant or presenter the annual conference offers extensive professional development, personal growth and leadership opportunities.

The [Alaska Library Association](#) (AkLA) is led by a group of friendly, knowledgeable and experienced academic, public and State librarians. These service-oriented professionals serve as mentors and role models for other librarians throughout Alaska. One of the best ways for you to grow professionally is to join AkLA and actively participate by volunteering to chair a committee, a roundtable or running for one of the Executive Council positions. Serving on the [Executive Council](#) will provide you with a bird's-eye view of Alaska's political library landscape, introduce you to other committed library professionals and help you develop your own leadership potential.

If you are interested in perfecting your project management, communication and emotional intelligence skills consider serving on a Conference committee. Each year, a team of librarians take on the responsibility of selecting a local venue, planning a program, and coordinating the registration, the publicity and countless other conference related tasks.

One the most important features of a conference is the sharing of ideas, knowledge and experience. In addition to looking good on your resume, presenting at conference will provide you with an opportunity to share your expertise, develop and practice your public speaking skills.

Events Calendar

March 2016						
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March 3, 2016:						
Easy Fundraising for Public Libraries						
11:00am - 12:00pm						

[Library Development Training & Continuing Education Calendar](#)

Lead The Change: Three City Tour in Alaska

During the week of May 9th, 2016 David Bendekovic, will facilitate three [What 21st Century Library Leaders Know and Do: Observations, Insights, and Valuable Lessons Learned](#) full-day workshops in three cities in Alaska. Workshops will be held in Anchorage, Fairbanks and Juneau.

The **What 21st Century Library Leaders Know and Do** workshop utilizes a flipped learning approach, with presentations, videos, guest speakers, and individual and collaborative exercises to reinforce learning.

For more information about the Lead the Change: Three Cities Tour in Alaska or to register to attend one of these leadership workshops visit <http://lam.alaska.gov/leadership/Lead the Change>